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"[Diana Aviv, Independent Sector] contends that nonprofits deserve a seat at the table in Washington. Some 13 million people work full time for nonprofits, or 10 percent of America's work force."

[July 20, 2010 -- Nonprofits urge estate tax at '09 levels, \*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review\*](#)

"The goals of the Nonprofit Sector and Community Solutions Act are to build a stronger nonprofit sector, craft smarter federal policy, and create more vibrant communities in every state across the country."

[July 20, 2010 -- Giving the US nonprofit sector a seat at the federal table \(Rep. Betty McCollum\), \*The Hill Blog\*](#)

"Early last week, Minnesota's 4th District Congresswoman, Betty McCollum, introduced legislation that, if passed, will build a more effective relationship between the federal government and nonprofits nationwide."

[June 24, 2010 -- McCollum hopes to draw more federal support for nonprofits, KFAI Radio](#)

"McCollum notes that 5 percent of Gross Domestic Product is generated by nonprofits and 10 percent of the nation's workforce is employed by nonprofits, comparable to the manufacturing sector, yet the federal government does not monitor or evaluate the nonprofit sector."

[June 18, 2010 -- McCollum pushes nonprofit bill, \*Minnesota Independent\*](#)

"McCollum's legislation would provide a way for Minnesota to have access to nationwide data concerning economic performance to help nonprofits and policymakers establish better partnerships to serve area communities."

[June 18, 2010 -- McCollum nonprofit bill, \*Marshall Independent\*](#)

"Most industries have a relevant federal council that acts as a go-between for said industry and the federal government. Not so for nonprofits, despite the fact that they employ about 10 percent of American workers. That, said Rep. Betty McCollum, means nonprofits are too often late to or left out of key decisions at the federal level."

[June 17, 2010 -- Nonprofit groups seek closer role in lawmaking process, \*MinnPost\*](#)

"U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum, D-Minn., the Nonprofit Sector and Community Solutions Act calls for the federal government to collect information and data about nonprofits across the nation."

[June 16, 2010 -- Nonprofit data bill rallies support in Arizona, \*Phoenix Business Journal\*](#)

"H.R.5533 is not a bill to study the nonprofit sector, but aimed at the intersection of nonprofits and government, reflecting how much of the nonprofit sector depends on government for program funding and how much the government relies on nonprofits to deliver critical services. But within those broad parameters, there is a lot of room for nonprofits to weigh in on what is important."

[June 16, 2010 -- Proposed Federal Bill to Focus on the Needs of Nonprofits, \*Nonprofit Quarterly\*](#)

"The nonprofit sector historically has strong connections with government, in some cases providing almost a third of the sector's budget. At the same time, nonprofits work with government to hold them accountable or in partnership. In the end, Congress has oversight responsibility of exempt organizations."

[June 16, 2010 -- Legislation Seeks New Federal Agency For Nonprofits, \*The NonProfit Times\*](#)

"Noting that nonprofit employees make up 10 percent of the American work force, Ms. McCollum complained at the press conference that no Congressional committee or federal agency exists to help nonprofit groups succeed -- for example, nothing along the lines of the Small Business Administration, which helps for-profit groups."

[June 16, 2010 -- Nonprofit Leaders Praise New Charity Legislation, \*Chronicle of Philanthropy\*](#)

"According to the Democrat, one in ten individuals are employed by nonprofit organizations, however, the nonprofit sector lacks adequate representation and wants their relationship with the government to undergo major improvement."

[June 16, 2010 -- Landmark Legislation Paves Way For Nonprofits, \*Talk Radio News Service\*](#)

"Ms. McCollum's bill would also require the U.S. Commerce Department to collect and summarize all available federal data about nonprofit groups -- and to recommend ways to assess and track the size and scope of the U.S. nonprofit world."

[June 15, 2010 -- Congresswoman Plans to Introduce Bill to Improve Federal Policy Toward Charities, \*Chronicle of Philanthropy\*](#)

"The McCollum bill is aimed at generating "better federal coordination, greater support for the work of nonprofit organizations and the collection of meaningful data and research about nonprofits," according to the Washington D.C.-based National Council of Nonprofits."

[June 14, 2010 -- Nonprofits energized over federal proposal, \*New Jersey Business Journal\*](#)

"Betty McCollum-a Democratic congresswoman from Minnesota-is frustrated that federal leaders don't seem to understand the role charities play in the economy or give them the tools they need to be effective and avoid wasting billions of government dollars. Now she is about to propose an idea she hopes will be the first step in fixing the problem, and she plans to continue her crusade to focus greater attention on the needs of charities."

[May 16, 2010 -- Congresswoman Undertakes Effort to Give Charities More Support and Attention, \*Chronicle of Philanthropy\*](#)

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